

Western Montana News

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FUN FOR THE HUNTER

Western Montana Is and Always Was a Sports' Paradise.

ONCE THE HOME OF RED MEN

In Early Days Game Was Slaughtered Wantonly, but Recent Years Have Witnessed an Agreeable Change.

Missoula, Oct. 26.—Ever since the days when the aborigines held sway in this region and the valleys and mountains of Western Montana were unknown to the white man, the country which surrounds Missoula has been recognized as a hunting ground par excellence. In the early days, before the black-robed priests and the eager gold hunters had penetrated this region, the Blackfeet, Nez Perces and Selkwa tribes contended in bitter warfare for the possession of this favorite district, with its wealth of game and its beautiful streams of water. Backwards and forwards across the Missoula valley, up and down the Bitter Root, the tide of war has surged and ebbed as the red men met in desperate conflict, for the right to call this region their own. At the mouth of Hell Gate canyon many a brave has fallen in his last sleep, and the walls of this sombre opening in the mountains have echoed the wailing chant of the death song less often than they have resounded to the whoop of victory. So fierce and so long continued was this warfare that the advent of Father Desmet and his followers found the Selkwa tribe decimated and in danger of extermination from the unrelenting assaults of the powerful Blackfeet and Nez Perces in the three-cornered war which had lasted for generations.

When the trapper discovered this region he found it a veritable El Dorado for those of his perilous calling, and every possible method was resorted to by these skin hunters to pursue their occupation in these valleys and along these streams. Some of them married the Indian women and became members of the several tribes. Others offered their assistance in war to the chiefs in return for the privilege of hunting in this favored region. Anything was done which would win the coveted license to hunt. Here were otter and beaver and mink; deer and bear and elk; and here the noble buffalo ranged in vast herds. It was, indeed, a paradise for the hunter and trapper.

Gradually civilization's resistless tide drove these hunters before it, and the white man no longer was compelled to seek the permission of his red predecessor. The country was his by right of seizure, and here he could do as he pleased. Thousands and thousands of animals were butchered for their skins, and the utter extermination of the game in this region seemed certain. A few sportsmen protested earnestly against this useless slaughter. Among these was Granville Stuart, now United States minister to Uruguay, who in his book, "Montana as It Is," published in 1885, writes as follows:

"If the legislature does not enact some laws in regard to game and fish, there will not be in a few years so much as a minnow or deer left alive in all the territory. The trout will bite at almost any kind of bait at any time of year, yet some 'barbarians' have used seines and dragged out these beautiful citizens of the brook by the wagon load. Oh, fie! for shame! Every stream in the valley that is large enough for trout to turn in, contains, to use an expression that I have not heard since I was a boy, 'lots and gobs of 'em.'"

Fortunately the law interfered with this threatened extermination and there is still game enough in the mountains and valleys to insure good sport. The upper Bitter Root, the Blackfoot, the Swan, the Clearwater, the Clearwater in Idaho, all abound in game and furnish excellent sport for the hunter. During the season now closing, this region has been an unusually favorite resort for sportsmen all over the state, and local guides have taken numerous eastern parties through the mountains, the Idaho Clearwater having been the most popular with the easterners. This region was very thoroughly advertised two years ago by the exploits of the Carlin party and the attention of eastern hunters thus attracted to it. W. H. Wright and M. B. Spencer have conducted several parties through this region and have met with general success. Among those who have made the trip with these guides have been Messrs. Spooner and Wilson and their party, a Pittsburg party and, recently, O. D. Wheeler, the Northern Pacific descriptive writer.

The success of local sportsmen this year has been unusual. Fish have jumped at flies with unaccustomed readiness and the list of successful fishermen is a long one. Among those who are clearly entitled to mention in the A class of fishermen are: J. M. Hartley, Frank West, G. N. Hartley, Rev. J. J. McAllister, Lou Hunt, Dr. Hanson and Judge Ross. Since the shooting season opened, new laurels have been won by some of the boys and the record for ducks and chickens has been a good one.

The season's championship in this direction clearly rests with Addison M. Sterling and Harry W. Thompson, who have been remarkably successful. They have done some good shooting in all lines have, in no instance been guilty of wholesale slaughter, even when circumstances would have made such possible. These gentlemen, accompanied by Mrs. Thompson, recently spent three weeks in the upper Blackfoot country, where they did some good shooting. They have a photograph taken at their camp near Ovando, which shows the members of the party returning from a morning's shooting. The picture is calculated to make a sportsman homesick. Suspended from the saddle bags are splendid bags of mallard ducks and a few chickens hang from the cantles. It is a great picture.

Much credit is due the game warden of Missoula county, Joseph Booth. Himself a veteran hunter, he is interested in the protection and preservation of the game in this region and has been tireless in his efforts to prevent violation of the law. Under his administration there is every prospect that the mountains and valleys of Western Montana will continue to be a famous hunting ground as they have for many decades.

WATCH THEM.

There is a Gang of Thieves in Missoula the Officers Say.

Missoula, Oct. 26.—Night Watchman Hooton and Patrolman Larson have had their eyes on a tough crowd for two or three nights and they believe that they have spotted a gang of burglars who are attempting to get foot-hold here. One attempt at burglary has already been made, the place being the rear door of A. M. Stevens & Co.'s fruit store. The burglars tried to force the iron fire door but was frightened away. He was afterward caught, but the proof against him was weak and he was allowed to skip. Since then there have been three fellows who have prospected a number of the stores on Higgins avenue. The police have them spotted, however, and are keeping watch of them. It may be well for merchants to take extra precautions for a while.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Missoula, Oct. 26.—Capt. J. H. Mills, one of the newly appointed receivers for the Northern Pacific, was a passenger on this afternoon's westbound train. He returned this evening and was joined by E. L. Bonner. Both gentlemen departed for Helena.

Charles Monton, agent for Cole's air-tight heaters, returned on this afternoon's overland from a business visit to Butte and Anaconda.

Col. T. C. Marshall will depart for St. Paul next week, where he will be joined by his family, which has been sojourning in prominent southern cities for several weeks past.

J. W. Hamilton, the well-known mining man, departed for Spokane on this afternoon's overland to meet John R. Toole, who is at present in that section.

Dr. W. B. Parsons departed on today's westbound overland train for Horse Plains on a professional visit.

John D. Huff, editor and proprietor of the Bitter Root Times, came down from Hamilton on this morning's branch train and will remain over Sunday as the guest of relatives and friends.

BRIEF NEWS.

Missoula, Oct. 26.—Suit was brought today in the district court by Helena M. Curry against Joseph Dringwine, on an appeal from the justice court of Jocko township. The amount involved is \$32.

Postmaster Willis E. Dowell returned on this afternoon's overland with his bride from the East, after spending their honeymoon in visiting Chicago, Denver, Salt Lake and other cities of prominence.

Murphy & Worsley today entered suit and brought attachment proceedings in the district court against Ed. N. Perkins in the sum of \$228.45 for labor and merchandise.

Returns are being received from the tax notices recently sent out by County Treasurer Cave. The amount received up to date is \$1,400, out of a total of about \$130,000. However, this compares very favorably with the receipts of former years and it is believed that the 10 per cent. penalty will be added in less cases than in any year since the panic. Most people have taken time by the forelock and are fully prepared to meet their obligations to the county of Missoula.

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The Curfew Idea.

Marysville Mountaineer: Why would it not be a good scheme for the citizens of Marysville to take steps toward preventing young boys from keeping such late hours as they do in Marysville. In Helena the curfew ordinance is in force to the universal satisfaction of parents, and other Montana towns are falling into line. Our boys are often seen out as late as midnight, long hours after they should be in their homes under the protection of those who should shelter them from temptation. A little interest in the matter now might bring about a great deal of good.

The Jefferson Valley Girl.

Jefferson Valley Zephyr: Maxelner, the modest young lightning jockey at the Northern Pacific depot, is responsible for the foregoing report that the smirking, puckering up, perlimmon-like kiss is an unknown quality with the Jefferson valley girl, but on the contrary, she will step forward like an Amazon queen, and another your face with a soul-stirring smack that will sound like a bucket of water thrown from a fourth story window.

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Missoula, Oct. 26.—There is every indication that next spring will witness a more general local epidemic of horse fever than that which has prevailed here during the past two years. Men who, in 1893, didn't know a hock joint from a crupper and who couldn't tell whether Tammany was a harness horse or a galloper, now talk learnedly of pedigrees and records and drive fast horses themselves. The recent sale of yearlings from the Larabee stock farm demonstrated that Missoula men are anxious to secure good horses. The prices realized for these youngsters from Willow Run were very satisfactory, much higher in fact than anybody anticipated. The average price paid for them was \$110, which is considered a good figure. Most of these colts were purchased by men who desire good road horses and not for track purposes. Some of the youngsters give promise of considerable speed and may be seen on the track next year. At present they are all green and very soft and no accurate prediction can be made regarding them.

The remarkable success of the Bay Bird colts, which have been trained here and have gone out under Missoula colors, undoubtedly had much to do with the willingness of purchasers to pay fair prices for the stock which Mr. Larabee offered for sale. The purchasers all seem thoroughly satisfied with their horses and, if they are, the experiment of horse sales in Missoula must be counted as a success. There is a strong demand here for good horses and if an annual yearling sale were inaugurated here it would undoubtedly prove to be mutually beneficial to both seller and buyer.

Speaking of the success of Bay Bird's get, the performance of Dr. Puff, Tylar, the Thompson's 3-year-old colt, at Los Angeles last Monday was a surprise even to the friends of the swift gelding who had predicted that he would mark himself at 2:15 this season. He was matched against some of the swiftest animals on the coast and won in a most exciting finish. The San Francisco Call makes the following mention of the race:

The principal event of the day was the 2:17 class trot for a purse of \$900, eight horses starting. Dr. Puff won the first heat in 2:16 1/4, Jasper Ayres the second in 2:16 3/4. In the last heat Jasper Ayres came in first, but it was awarded to Dr. Puff on a foul.

Missoula horses have demonstrated this year the unusual advantage which this valley possesses as a training place. Few stables have been more uniformly successful this year than those which trained here. Of course, the stables were made up of good horses or they could not have done so well. Not even such climate and forage as Missoula boasts can make a winner out of a scrub, but, given a good horse, the best possible results will be secured if he is trained under the conditions which prevail here.

The record of Higgins Brothers' stable for this season is as follows:

Stable	1st	2nd	3rd	Un-Win-
Bill Howard	14	7	3	2
St. Croix	8	4	2	2
French Lady	17	5	8	3
Miss Elm	10	1	2	4
Brino Tricks	6	4	2	..
Antrim	7	2	2	3
George Ayres	3	3

Total winnings.....\$7,215
Other horses that were trained at the Missoula track and made creditable records, as well as winning something for their owners, were Chris Peterson (2:25), Herdsman (2:18) and Delbert (2:21). A statement of the winnings of Dr. Puff and Hal Corbett is not at this time obtainable. Their campaign is not yet finished and they are now in better condition than they were earlier in the season. It is estimated that the earnings of these two sons of Bay Bird will reach \$7,000 this year and may possibly reach a higher mark than that.

Probably no horse ever proved a greater surprise than French Lady, the aged chestnut mare of the Higgins string. As a young horse she had won handsomely in local races in the Frenchtown valley, but she had not attracted much attention until the Missoula meeting of last year, when she made a good showing as a sprinter. At the close of the meeting she was added to the Higgins stable and did some good work in the Montana circuit races last year. But she was not generally considered as of much value unless it should be as a pacemaker for Bill Howard or Miss Elm. She was known to be old and rheumatic and the surprise was general when she turned out to be a winner this season. As the record printed above shows she ran first five times and second eight times out of 17 starts and won \$900 for her owners. She has certainly earned the comforts of a box stall for the winter.

One of the best photographs that has been exhibited here is a large instantaneous view of the finish of the first heat in the race between Chris Peterson, Little Frank and Antrim at the Western Montana fair. Their owners, Messrs. Hanson, Sterling and Higgins were driving and the picture reveals some novel sulky positions. In the crowd along the stretch are seen numerous familiar figures, among them the form of Mayor Keith. The picture is an excellent one and has attracted considerable attention.

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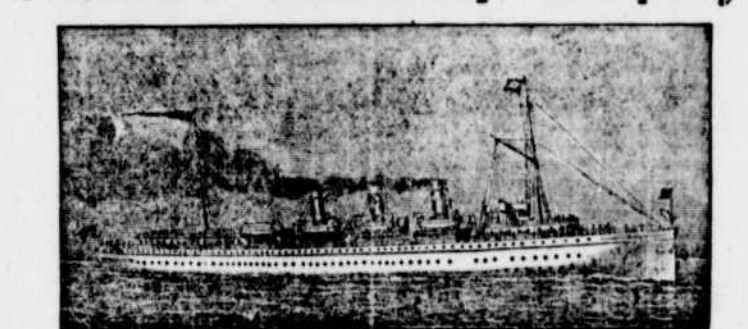
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